



Baal Shem Tov Numbers: Mystical Stories on the Weekly Torah Portion (Paperback)

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Bst Publishing, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The most famous master of Kaballah and Jewish mysticism is Rabbi Yisrael ben Eliezer. Rabbi Yisrael lived from 1698 to 1760, and is known as the Baal Shem Tov. More stories are told about the Baal Shem Tov than about any other person in Jewish history. These stories have been passed down, primarily through an oral tradition, for over 250 years. More recently, books - and even more recently the internet - have been added as a means to continue the time-honored tradition of transmitting Baal Shem Tov stories from parent to child and from chassid to chassid. The Baal Shem Tov stories are indeed glimpses of the life and culture of downtrodden, 18th century, Eastern European Jewry. However, to see the stories as only that is to miss their central role. In chassidic life, Baal Shem Tov stories have formed the foundation of one of the most fundamental and important of chassidic spiritual practices: telling stories about the Tzaddikim - the Jewish saints, as it were; literally, the righteous ones -the great Spiritual Masters. These Tzaddikim led and guided the...

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